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An initial rendering for artist Mary Mattingly's Swale, a collaboratively created floating food forest for New York City, set to launch in spring 2016. / MARY MATTINGLY

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# NYC Century Tour: 100 miles of dodging taxis

**The 100-mile bike ride on Sept. 13 takes cyclists through the streets and bike paths of New York.**

There's always a risk involved in riding a bicycle anywhere in the city, so imagine riding 100 miles in one day on the streets of New York.

Cyclists and bike enthusiasts will be able to do just that on Sunday, Sept. 13, during the NYC Century Tour.

The tour is the nation's only all-urban 100-mile bike ride that will take you through neighborhoods many people have never been to on foot.

"You see a lot of parts of the city that you had no idea were there, and how beautiful and amazing some parts of the city really are," said Beth Slade, events coordinator for Transportation Alternatives. "I just think it's incredibly neat to go to so many different areas in one day."

T.A. used to host fundraising parties, but in 1989 the group decided to organize a ride instead and the NYC Century was born. The tour will be entering its 26th year next month.

Initially the ride started off with 200 participants, but last year alone around 7,000 riders signed up for the tour. T.A. is expecting more than 7,000 this year.

What started off as a grassroots effort for riders wanting to raise awareness about better bicycling conditions in the city has become one of the top bike events, one that is heavily dependent on the volunteers who every year marshal the tour making sure everyone is safe. About 500 to 600 volunteers will be out on the roads with riders on the day of the tour.

"We want people out on the streets to experience what it's like to be out on the streets with traffic. We want them to see T.A.'s advocacy work and see what we've done to improve the streets," Slade said. "I think it's important for people to

### Quoted

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Slade



A photo from the original ride / THE NY CITY CYCLIST.

### By the numbers

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Participants can choose from four different distances — 35, 55, 75 and 100 miles — and start at either Central Park or Prospect Park.

get out on the road with traffic, with pedestrians, with everything."

They also have the option to fundraise a minimum of \$300 for Vision Zero to advocate for cyclists and pedestrians.

Vision Zero is a road

## 65%

Last year, about 65 percent of participants rode the 100 miles, and the rest opted for the shorter distances.

safety project adopted in January 2014 by Mayor Bill de Blasio. It encompasses the redesign of arterial roads and lowering the speed limit as a way to reduce roadway deaths with the goal of getting to zero fatalities by 2024.

"Vision Zero is a top priority for Mayor de Blasio. In its first year, the program resulted in the safest year for pedestrians since recordkeeping began in 1910 — and this year is shaping up to be even safer," said Wiley Norvell, the Mayor's deputy press secretary. "We appreciate the voices and advocacy of families and groups across the five boroughs working for safer streets."

Registration will remain open until the day of the ride. The actual tour begins rain or shine at 6 a.m. and on average cyclists finish in six to eight hours.

"Make sure you get plenty of rest, make sure your bike is in good shape, make sure you've done at least some mileage before you do a 100 and just look forward to having a great day on your bike," Slade said.

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### If you go

**Sept. 13, 6 a.m.**  
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### The ride

- The ride will go through every borough except Staten Island and it will not be police-escorted.
- All riders are expected to obey traffic laws for their own safety, as a good portion of the tour will be on streets with other vehicles.
- Riders will get to ride through some of the city's greenways and bike paths.
- There will be six rest stops throughout the ride.



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## Police reform

Police union  
pushes back on  
stop-and-frisk  
receipts

News that police officers will start handing out cards to New Yorkers who are stopped, frisked but not arrested next month troubles at least one union leader.

PBA President Pat Lynch

warned that the new policy, recommended by a special monitor appointed by a federal judge in 2013, will encourage complaints against cops.

New Yorkers who receive a card after they're implemented in September will find contact information for the Civilian Complaint Review Board — the agency responsible for investigating New

Yorkers' claims of police misconduct.

"These receipts are clearly designed to invite retaliatory complaints against police officers who make an active effort to prevent crime and take guns off the street," Lynch said in a statement.

The cards, which will indicate why the officer stopped an individual, will also require officers to

list their name, rank and shield number.

"They are just one more item on the ever-growing list of anti-public-safety measures that will put an end to proactive policing in this city and ultimately accelerate the increase in crime and disorder that we are already seeing in our public spaces," Lynch said.

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Some puppies / FRIENDS WITH FOUR PAWS

## Did you hear the one about the adoptable doggies?

**Puppy love.** Jokes to be provided by the Upright Citizens Brigade at a Greenpoint comedy and canines event.

If you want a night of laughter, drinks and cute dogs by your side, head over to Double Six Studios in Greenpoint on Sept. 10.

The nonprofit Friends with Four Paws will host a comedy fundraiser and have Lauren Adams from the Netflix series "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" as master of ceremonies.

A few of the adoptable dogs will be present at the event and donors will be able to meet them before the show starts. Adams will also give provide information about the organization and the dogs in between sets.

"I live in Oklahoma and am from New Jersey, and I recently got involved with improv," said Leah Rose, the rescue's president. "[I thought to

## If you go

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myself], 'I wish I could find a group that is performing, and [then] I should just create an event and do a fundraiser for the rescue.'"

The comedy and improv will be in charge of the Upright Citizens Brigade. There will also be auction prizes and adoptable dogs in attendance.

Friends with Four Paws was founded in 1998 with the goal of rescuing animals at an Oklahoma shelter from death by having mobile adoptions and providing foster care for dogs and cats.

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# Floating food forest for NY Harbor

## Kale under sail.

Swale's floating food forest will allow visitors to forage and see food grown on a floating container in New York City.

Next spring, New Yorkers will get a chance to forage for food grown right in New York Harbor.

A floating food forest is being constructed from Port Authority of New York and New Jersey shipping containers. The 50-foot-wide by 80-foot-long diamond-shaped vessel will be pulled from pier to pier, inviting the public to come aboard, and give them a chance to leave with berries, dandelions, bok choy or low bush blueberries that they pick themselves.

The project was conceived by New York artist

and sculptor Mary Mattingly, whose recent public art projects include a wading bridge in a Des Moines park.

Mattingly said the project, called Swale, is more about getting visitors to think about where their food comes from. The produce is the byproduct.

"Most of [the inspiration] is to think about how we could make what we need instead of always looking for inputs," Mattingly said. "There are so many more ways to make healthy foods other than spending money or buying what is there. The water seems to be the only place to start a project like this, because growing public food on public land is not legal."

Foraging is banned in city parks, with §1-04 of the park rules and regulations reading: "No person shall deface, write upon, sever, mutilate, kill or remove from the ground any plants, flowers, shrubs or other veg-



An artist's rendering of the interior / MARY MATTINGLY

## Quoted

**"This could really change the expense of doing projects on the water."**

Mattingly

etation under the jurisdiction of the department without permission of the Commissioner."

NYC Parks said in a statement they have not taken a position for or against the proposed floating forest, and have

not given a ticket for foraging in "recent memory."

"Public parks are designed to be a beautiful bucolic ideal of nature," Mattingly said. "The water is a common space to a extent."

Mattingly said the

project is innovative, and through the design process her team has found a way to float shipping containers. "This could really change the expense of doing projects on the water, where everything is over-engineered and limited by cost [and] fuel prices ... Shipping containers are inexpensive, comparatively."

Mattingly said that over the next few months she'll need to get final approval from the U.S. Coast Guard, and will work to plan as many stops as possible and make sure the floating forest can operate long term.

The project is funded through a fellowship by A Blade of Grass foundation — where Mattingly is a fellow — and other partners. The organization supports socially engaged projects, said executive director Deborah Fisher.



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Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov stands inside a defendant's cage during a hearing at a military court in the city of Rostov-on-Don. / GETTY IMAGES

## Russian court jails two Ukrainians for 'terrorism' in Crimea

**Charges.** Russian investigators say Sentsov and Kolchenko set fire to two offices in Crimea.

A Russian court sentenced Ukrainian film director Oleg Sentsov on Tuesday to 20 years in a high-security penal colony for "terrorist attacks" in Crimea, the Black Sea peninsula annexed by Moscow from Ukraine in April 2014.

The Crimea-born Sentsov pleaded not guilty and denounced the trial as politically driven, amid high tension between Russia and the West over Moscow's role in the crisis in Ukraine.

The European Union said the case was "in breach of international law and elementary standards of justice." The U.S. State Department said it was a "clear miscarriage

of justice."

Russian state prosecutors charged Sentsov with organizing a "terrorist group" in Crimea in order to wrest the peninsula back from Moscow's control.

The military court in Russia's southwestern city of Rostov-on-Don also sentenced a second defendant, Crimea activist Alexander Kolchenko, to 10 years in prison. Prosecutors had sought sentences of 23 years for Sentsov and 12 for Kolchenko.

Russia annexed Crimea after protests in Kiev toppled Ukraine's Kremlin-allied president, Viktor Yanukovich. A Russian-backed separatist revolt then erupted in eastern Ukraine in which more than 6,500 people have been killed to date.

The West has imposed sanctions on Russia over its actions in Ukraine. Moscow denies Western accusations that it has helped the separatist militias by sending serving

### Quoted

**"There will come a time when those who organized this so-called trial will themselves sit on the bench of the accused."**

Petro Poroshenko, Ukraine's president, in a message on his Facebook page urging the defendants to remain defiant.

troops and arms.

TV footage showed the two men locked in a courtroom cage, laughing scornfully as their sentences were pronounced. They put their arms round each other's shoulder and broke into an impromptu rendering of the Ukrainian national anthem.

Sentsov then shouted "Glory to Ukraine!" His defense lawyer, Svetlana Sidorkina, said they would appeal the ruling to Russia's Supreme Court and the European Court of Human Rights. **REUTERS**

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## Ex-JP Morgan analyst, two friends charged with insider trading

**Illegal.** The Securities and Exchange Commission filed a related civil lawsuit against them.

A former analyst with JP Morgan Securities and two friends who prosecutors say made more than \$600,000 by trading on inside information have been indicted on federal charges, prosecutors said.

The three men who surrendered to the FBI are accused of netting illegal profits by trading in advance of two acquisitions, in 2012 and 2013, that had not been announced publicly.

Ashish Aggarwal, 27, Shahriyar Bolandian, 26, and Kevan Sadigh, 28, were each charged in the indictment, which was handed

down in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, with multiple counts of securities fraud.

"Insider trading corrodes the integrity of the markets and undermines confidence among those who choose to trade," U.S. Attorney Eileen Decker said in a written statement released through her office.

Aggarwal is accused of obtaining inside information about Integrated Device Technology's planned acquisition of PLX Technology Inc. and Salesforce.com Inc.'s June 2013 acquisition of ExactTarget Inc. and then tipping off Bolandian.

Bolandian is accused of sharing that information with Sadigh.

Each defendant was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit securities and tender offer fraud, 13 counts of securi-



### Quoted

**"We will bring to justice anyone who illegally uses or shares confidential business information that can be used to manipulate the system."** Decker

ties fraud, 13 counts of tender offer fraud and three counts of wire fraud. Bolandian also is charged with a single count of money laundering. **REUTERS**



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### Antitrust

## Man linked to rejected AmEx accord admits cheating NY law firms

A man whose wife was a key figure in the recent rejection of an antitrust settlement between American Express Co. and a group of retailers

pleaded guilty on Tuesday to conspiring with her to defraud two New York law firms where she was a partner out of \$7.8 million.

Melvin Feliz, 48, of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, admitted to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of tax evasion before U.S. District Judge Kevin McNulty in Newark, New Jersey.

The plea was announced by U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman in New Jersey.

Prosecutors said Feliz and his wife, Keila Ravelo, 49, set up bogus limited liability companies that from 2008 to 2014 billed Hunton & Williams LLP and later Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, which both employed Ravelo as a partner, for litigation

support services that were never performed.

Feliz also admitted to not reporting the income on his tax returns, prosecutors said.

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## Slash. White House fence jumper dead after stabbing deputy in Pa. courthouse

A man arrested for climbing a White House fence earlier this year was shot and killed at a suburban Pennsylvania courthouse on Tuesday after he sliced a sheriff's deputy with a knife, the local district attorney said.

Curtis Smith, 34, is accused of entering the lobby of the Chester County Justice Center at about 11 a.m. and slashing a sheriff's deputy on the arm or hand, Chester County District Attorney Thomas Hogan said in a statement.

A second deputy in the lobby drew his weapon and shot Smith, who was treated at the scene but later died at Paoli Hospital, Hogan said.

"The armed attacker was immediately neutralized by the sheriff's deputies," Hogan said in a statement.

The injured deputy was transported to a local hospital and is in stable condition.

Smith, from Coatesville, Pennsylvania, has a criminal record that includes arrests for assault and burglary.

"Smith was arrested by the Secret Service in March for jumping the fence at the White House," Hogan said in the statement.

The courthouse, which was evacuated after gunshots rang out, was closed for the rest of the day. The incident was under investigation by the Chester County Detectives.

In a tear-choked voice, Marcia Gallagher, who works in the court clerk's office, said the atmosphere was tense as authorities evacuated the building.

"We have trained intensively to deal with the threat of an attacker in the Justice Center or any other public building. Today, that training paid off," Hogan said. "This was a model response to a violent incident." **REUTERS**



# Six things you need to know

## Maryland sets first US state profiling guidelines for police

Maryland's attorney general on Tuesday issued the first U.S. state guidelines that bar arbitrary police profiling of races and minority groups.

The guidelines from Attorney General Brian Frosh are aimed at helping repair relations with minorities. They outline when officers can consider racial, ethnic, sexual orientation or other characteristics during routine police work and investigations.

The guidance comes

amid a national and local debate about police treatment of minorities. One of the most prominent cases was the death of a black man in Baltimore in April from an injury while in police custody, which sparked protests and rioting. Six Baltimore officers have been charged in the case.

"We believe we can improve the administration of justice. Experience shows us that improper profiling by police does terrible damage," Frosh, a Democrat who took office in January, told a news conference.

The goal is to repair "frayed relationships between police and many in the community during everyday encounters," particularly black and Hispanic males, Frosh said.

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## US arrests CEO, employees of largest online male escort service

U.S. authorities on Tuesday announced the arrest of the chief executive officer and six employees of Rentboy.com, which prosecutors described as the largest online male escort service.

Rentboy.com CEO Jeffrey Hurant and the employees were charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Brooklyn, New York, with conspiring to violate the Travel Act by promoting prostitution.

The defendants, all New York residents, were arrested Tuesday. Their lawyers could not be immediately identified. REUTERS

## Many drivers ignoring new tech features

Drivers are steering clear of some new technology in cars, raising questions about whether carmakers are moving too quickly to incorporate sophisticated technology.

Carmakers are adding everything from remote car unlocking to self-parking systems in their newest models as they try to make cars more connected to the Internet.

The 2015 Drive Report from JD Power found that 20 percent of new car owners had still not used approximately half of the technology features available in their vehicles after three months of purchase.

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## US, Mexico to open first new rail link in over a century

The United States and Mexico, which have nearly \$600 billion in annual trade, will launch on Tuesday the first new rail link between the two countries in more than a century, in the Texas border city of Brownsville.

The West Rail Bypass International Bridge will connect Brownsville with Matamoros, its neighboring city across the border, and will carry freight between the two countries, the U.S. Commerce Department said.

There are currently eight rail crossings between the U.S. and Mexico, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. REUTERS

## Ashley Madison, parent company sued in US over hack

Ashley Madison and its parent company have been sued in federal court in California by a man who claims that the companies failed to adequately protect clients' personal



and financial information from theft, saying he suffered emotional distress.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles by a man identified as John Doe, seeks class-action status.

The lawsuit accuses Ashley Madison and parent company Avid Life Media of negligence and invasion of privacy, as well as causing emotional distress. REUTERS

## Wall Street's rally goes up in smoke, indexes end lower

A strong rally on Wall Street evaporated on Tuesday and stocks ended with deep losses as concerns about China's economy outweighed lower valuations that some saw earlier as bargains.

In a dramatic trading session, major indices turned negative in the final minutes of trading after previously climbing almost

3 percent.

Investors cited more worries that a slowdown in China could hobble global growth, even after the country's central bank cut interest rates on Tuesday for the second time in two months. The move came after Chinese stocks slumped 8 percent on Tuesday, on top of an 8.5 percent drop on Monday.

"People are still nervous about overseas and what might happen tonight. Nobody wants to sit around and see what happens," said Paul Nolte, portfolio manager at Kingsview Asset

Management in Chicago.

Tuesday's drop followed steeper losses on Monday, when the Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 1,000 points at its lows and the S&P 500 recorded its worst day since 2011.

In the past week, the S&P has lost 11 percent.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 204.91 points, or 1.29 percent, to end at 15,666.44.

The S&P 500 lost 25.59 points, or 1.35 percent, to finish at 1,867.62, and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 19.76 points, or 0.44 percent, to 4,506.49. REUTERS



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## Palmyra. ISIL shows images of ancient Syrian temple destruction

Islamic State militants published photos on Tuesday purporting to show the destruction of a Roman-era temple in the ancient Syrian city of Palmyra, an act the U.N. cultural agency UNESCO has called a war crime.

Syria's antiquities chief Maamoun Abdulkarim told Reuters the images did appear to show the destruction of the ancient Baal Shamin temple and correlated with descriptions given by residents of the explosion detonated there on Sunday.

Five photos were distributed on social media showing explosives being carried inside, being planted around the walls of the temple, a large blast and then rubble.

The blast photo shows a huge cloud of gray smoke soaring above the temple, with ancient columns in the foreground.

Reuters could not independently verify the pic-



The 1,800-year-old Temple of Baal in 2007. ISIL released on Sunday photos of explosions they say took the temple down. / GETTY IMAGES

### Quoted

**"It stood as it was for more than 1,800 years. ... It was a beautiful tourist attraction."**

Abdulkarim, antiquities chief, said by telephone

tures. Activists say Islamic State is tightly controlling communications in the central desert city.

UNESCO has described the temple and Palmyra's surrounding sites as symbols of Syria's historical cultural diversity, which

it says Islamic State is seeking to obliterate.

Abdulkarim said last week the group had beheaded Khaled al-Asaad, the 82-year-old Syrian archaeologist who had looked after Palmyra's ruins for four decades, and hung his body in public.

Islamic State has proclaimed a caliphate to rule over all Muslims from territory it holds in both Syria and Iraq. It has a history of carrying out mass killings in places it captures and of demolishing monuments it says are pagan and idolatrous.

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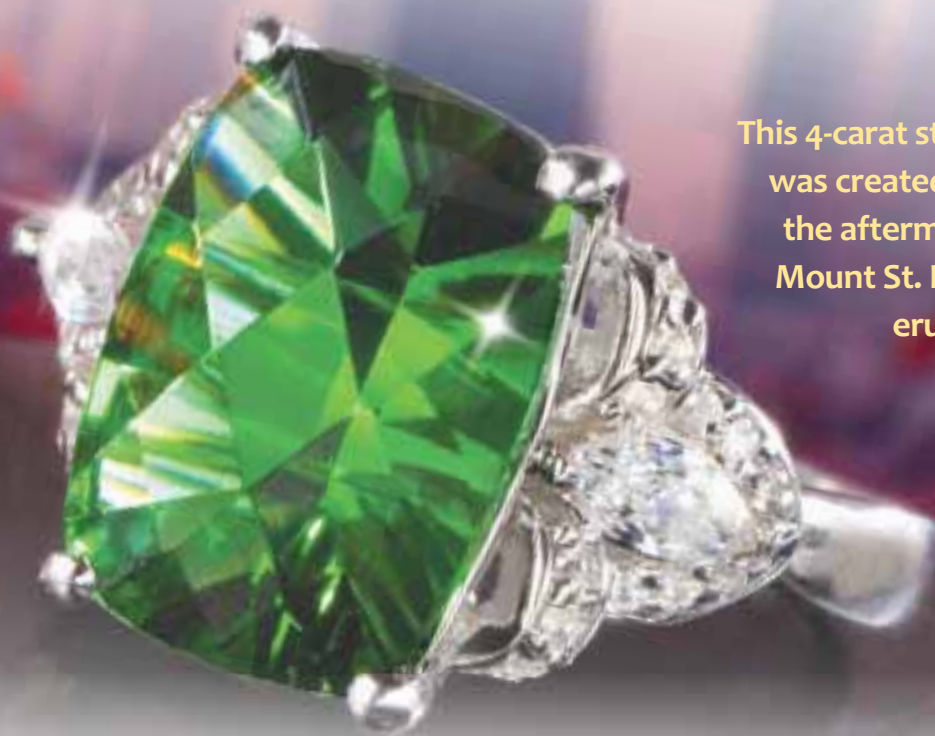


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### Smartphones

### German court rejects Apple touchscreen patent appeal

Apple patents covering the "slide to unlock" feature on smartphones are invalid, Germany's highest appeals court ruled on Tuesday, reaffirming a 2013 decision by a lower court rejecting the U.S. company's claims.

The ruling by the Federal Court of Appeals in Karlsruhe covers one of the Apple iPhone's most popular defining features, of which makers of rival Android-based phones have developed their own versions.

In a statement, the appeals court said it confirmed a ruling by the lower Federal Patent Court that canceled Apple's German patent, based on the technique's similarity to a phone released by Swedish company Neonode Inc. a year before the iPhone's 2007 launch. **REUTERS**

## Stock up. Amazon expands Prime Now, offers alcohol for first time



Prime Now customers can order using an app available on both iOS and Android devices. / GETTY IMAGES

Amazon.com Inc. said on Tuesday it will begin delivering wine, beer and spirits to customers for the first time as part of its speedy delivery service, Prime Now.

The online retailer is expanding Prime Now, its one- and two-hour service, to Seattle, where the company is headquartered, and offering alcohol deliveries there.

Amazon Prime, the company's \$99 per year shopping membership program, offers free two-day delivery on millions of items. It is a key testing ground for the retailer's

new services, ranging from TV and on-demand video to fast delivery.

Amazon has said it has "tens of millions" of Prime subscribers. Analysts estimate the program to have around 40 million users worldwide.

The company has steadily expanded Prime Now since it launched the service in New York City last year. It facilitates integration of the retailer's grocery delivery service, Amazon Fresh, which has been slower to expand to new markets.

On-demand grocery delivery is a growing and

competitive market in the United States. Instacart, a grocery delivery company, announced on Tuesday that it had expanded to Indianapolis, its 17th city. Other startups, such as Postmates, which focuses on meal delivery, also deliver personal care goods and alcohol for customers using a network of couriers.

Orders are shipped from smaller warehouses, or hubs. An Amazon spokeswoman said the company opened two facilities in Seattle and Kirkland, Washington, to handle Prime Now deliveries. **REUTERS**

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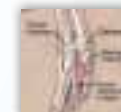
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Today, Mindy Kaling isn't digging Banksy, Jason Alexander just wants a job, Azealia Banks is excited, Iggy Azalea is overwhelmed by science and Seth Rogen is rediscovering a classic.

@mindykaling: We need to talk about Dismaland. A dystopian take on Disneyland is lame.

@JasonAlexander: I love when they say an actor is "circling a movie". Is that a good thing? I'm circling movies, too. Cause I can't find a place to land.

@AZEALIBANKS: When I get to London I'm hoping to find some time to finish my song with Jamie Hince.... it's about a mermaid!!

@IGGYAZALEA: So, the universe is flat. It may or may not be expanding forever, and the whole thing is making my brain want to explode.

@Sethrogen: Cool Runnings holds up like a motherf—er.

## Selena Gomez talks Bieber and purity rings

Good job, Internet. You made Selena Gomez cry. In her closet, no less. The singer — and Justin Bieber's ex — opens up to the Sunday Times about that purity ring she got when she was 13 that she doesn't wear anymore. "I'm not embarrassed to say that the ring has come off," she says. "I got it when I was 13 and I respect so much what it represented, but it isn't for everyone." Also not for everyone? The mounds of criticism a young singer can endure online for having a change of heart about heavily symbolic jewelry: "Sometimes you have to lie to yourself to get through the criticism, and then you're in your closet crying," Gomez says. "It's been like that for me a couple of times, but I only want to learn from those things." Great job, guys. Sheesh.

And then, of course, there's the whole Justin Bieber thing, an association Gomez realizes she won't be able to shake anytime soon.

"It's difficult for people to separate us. The Internet wants to freeze this moment in time and constantly repeat it," she says. "I didn't think I was doing anything bad by falling in love. There's such an emphasis on people being the perfect thing and then destroying them because it's good press. Throw in the fact that you're a teenager, it makes it more difficult."



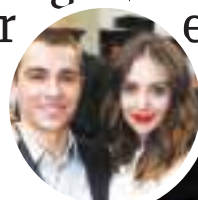
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## Trudy from 'Mad Men' marrying James Franco's kid brother

Sad news, boys and girls. Two famous and beautiful people have gotten engaged to someone that isn't you. Dave Franco, the younger brother of James Franco, and Alison Brie ("Mad Men" and "Community") announced their engagement to each

other (not you). Us Weekly reports that Brie officially told the world she was set to tie the knot during the premiere of her newest movie, while Franco told his pals at a sushi restaurant (the traditional place to reveal engagement news). "He ran into some

people he knew, and they were congratulating him on his engagement," a source says. Here's to the happy — if vertically challenged — couple! **MATT LEE**



### Daily video

## 'The Karate Kid': Daniel is the REAL Bully

So apparently we've got some 1980s movie classics all wrong. It turns out "The Karate Kid" is actually the story of "a violent sociopath who moves to a small California town and starts tormenting a boy and his friends." While Johnny (William Zabka) has traditionally been seen as the villain of the film, this video posits that



J. MATTHEW TURNER, YOUTUBE

he's actually just trying to protect himself and the community from the loose-canon new arrival, Daniel (Ralph Macchio). "There is no telling what further damage this unbalanced and violent individual will do." Obviously this narrator hasn't seen any of the sequels.

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## Tyga's new song about having sex with Kylie Jenner is just ... no.



This certainly won't make dinners at the Kardashian house any less awkward. Rapper Tyga dropped a new track off his upcoming album yesterday called "Stimulated," and while the steamy lyrics never mention his newly 18-year-old girlfriend, Kylie Jenner, by name, the evidence is pretty damning — and squirm-inducing. "They say she is young, I shoulda waited. She a big girl, dawg, when she stimulated," he raps. "She a big girl dawg, I'm puttin' in. Yeah I'm penetrating." That's just lovely, isn't it?

And, unsurprisingly, Jenner's family is totally not jazzed. "This is just so disgusting that the Kardashian family cannot even believe Tyga went there," a source tells Radar Online. "He was doing so well and getting along great with Kylie's sisters and parents, and now he just lost huge brownie points because he completely disrespected her. Tyga knows not to discuss Kylie with anyone, and then he goes and writes a song about having sex with her. It is just absolutely repulsive." That's one word for it.

## Emma Roberts and ex-fiance dining out



Speaking of engagements, Emma Roberts and her "American Horror Story" co-star and ex-fiance, Evan Peters, were spotted having dinner together in West Hollywood recently, looking awfully chummy for a pair that broke off their engagement two months ago. The on-again, off-again couple are no strangers to relationship drama — there was that whole domestic disturbance in a Montreal hotel episode

that left Peters bruised and Roberts in handcuffs — but their breakup this summer was supposedly pretty easy. "Their three years together just ran its course. They have so many great memories together but couldn't make it work in the end," a source told just Jared at the time. "The breakup was amicable. There was no drama whatsoever. Emma and Evan are even still friends." So maybe this was just a friendly dinner?



# How Justin Bieber made a comeback

**Career study.** He was the pop star everyone loved to hate. But now he's won back his fans' hearts. We explain the method behind his madness.

It's hard to pinpoint exactly when Justin Bieber went from being the sweet pop star with the perfect hair to Most Hated Celebrity. Maybe it was back in 2011 when he started flipping off photographers. Or 2013 when he was caught on camera peeing in a mop bucket at a restaurant; later that year he was caught with a prostitute in Brazil. Whatever the tipping point was, he became a joke.

But this summer something changed. He just headlined Billboard's Hot 100 Music Festival, his new single is getting crazy buzz

and, most importantly, people have stopped talking smack about him. Well, mostly. Here's how he managed to get back on top:

## 1 He recognizes the power of Ellen.

Bieber has been a regular on "The Ellen Degeneres Show" since his "Baby" days. In February, he went on the show and publicly apologized for his outrageous behavior. Then he went back on the show in March. Madonna was also a guest and the two played "Never Have I Ever." Bieber looked tame next to Madonna, who came across as the wild one. It was the perfect move for both of them.

## 2 His "The Late Late Show" appearance goes viral.

Two months later, Bieber appeared in "The Late Late Show" host James Corden's Carpool Karaoke. The video of the two goofing off and singing



Bieber's single "What Do You Mean?" is out Friday. / GETTY IMAGES



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Luke Bryan together dominated social media the next day. Bieber even brought back an old trick from his early days: solving a Rubik's Cube in under a minute.

## 3 He wins back the teens.

The Justin Bieber Apology Tour continued when later that month he appeared on the cover of Seventeen magazine, something he probably would have declined to do at the peak of his "bad boy" phase. He apologized to fans, saying "I'm sorry if I've let you down."

## 4 He releases a catchy new single.

In June, Bieber released "Where Are U

Now," featuring Skrillex and Diplo. And while Deadmau5 tweeted his hatred for the song, plenty of people love it and it's been holding steady on the charts since its release.

## 5 He builds up hype.

On Friday, he'll release his latest single, "What Do You Mean?," and he's gotten a slew of celebrities to build up the hype. Bieber now has millions counting down to his next song release, when just earlier this year no one would have cared.

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# ASHLEY MADISON AND WHY I'M NOT LAUGHING

I admit it, I was just as gleeful as everyone else hearing about the Ashley Madison customer leaks. I laughed my butt off, hearing how the company that had been using shady business practices was called out. I made divorce lawyer jokes like everyone else. I also became a little nauseated, realizing that although this one may seem like karma, the next hack might be me.

I railed against the hack and release of nude celebrity photos last year, some of which were done for their spouses on their personal phones and deleted. Honestly, who the heck cares if someone wants to take nude photos of themselves or why? This hack isn't different.

Thinking about the whole Ashley Madison thing this weekend brought that up. I remembered an argument I had over Twitter with someone who thought those celebrities deserved what they got. I argued that there was nothing wrong with nudity, and she said they should have known they'd be hacked. She said they should have put those photos on a thumb drive and locked them away in a safe. I



As satisfying as it is to see Josh Duggar's hypocrisy exposed, the Ashley Madison leak is still a case of theft. / GETTY IMAGES

asked if it was stealing if someone broke into that safe. She said yes. I tried to explain that it's stealing if it happens on the internet, too.

That's what this is. It's stealing. It's not any different from hacking those photos or breach-

ing Target's security to take credit card numbers. Maybe they did it to expose the lack of security, but the people they hurt — the customers — weren't doing anything wrong.

Now, look: Cheating sucks. However, I'm not

in anyone's bedroom but my own. I don't know anything about those people. I don't know why they cheated. Frankly, it's none of my business. What freaks me out is that this is happening so frequently. Remember the Sony hack? Sure, it

shined a light on some serious Hollywood sexism. It's a good thing that we're talking about this stuff. What everyone forgets is that people working for the company, who had nothing to do with that, had all their personal informa-

tion leaked as well.

What I'm saying is this: I'm going to stop laughing. Okay, not at Josh Duggar, but at everyone else. I don't know if there is a solution. I'm just going to lay low and hope that the next time around it isn't me.

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Drexler's brews are stored in bathtubs behind the bar. / PROVIDED

## Happy Hour is in a church pew at Drexler's

**Opening.** A cheeky new East Village bar opens today.

There isn't much that feels illicit about going to a bar in NYC anymore. So how about sipping your Whiskey Sour in a church pew?

Drink where your priest won't see you — in the cellar of Drexler's, a new cocktail bar opening today in the East Village. The team behind Bushwick megabar Forrest Point left behind the sports bar concept while keeping the community

vibe, creating a two-story space that feels both secret and welcoming. Dark woods create a cozy rather than stuffy space next to farm-style stools and cast-iron bathtubs mounted behind the bar that store its beers, among which will be a specially commissioned brew based on Kelso Pilsner.

The seasonally changing cocktail menu will be twisted classics like cobblers and sours, and large-format drinks like the tiki-inspired Employee of the Month (aged rum, sherry, passion fruit and allspice). But it's particularly good to see another

bar taking up the challenge of clarified milk punches.

The feeling of a place where a community comes to enjoy the best part of the day carries through in the food. Instead of small plates or bar bites, the charcuterie, cheese and antipasti plates here are served in portions meant for sharing. There are plans for DJs, but it's the anyone-can-play upright piano in the cellar that is likely to draw a crowd.



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# Say no to the 'Star Wars' anthology films



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## Movies. Sometimes less is more, even with "Star Wars."

I can't believe I'm even saying this, but I do not want to see a film about Han Solo. The Lucasfilm bosses plan to churn out a new "Star Wars" movie every year, with the off years filled by the "Star Wars Anthology" series — prequels about popular characters or pieces of galactic lore.

But prequels are a terrible idea. The first of these, "Rogue One," will chronicle a group of rebel

spies (led by Felicity Jones) attempting to steal the plans to the Death Star. The film takes place before "A New Hope," when the rebels famously used those plans to destroy the space station. So how do you think that mission is going to turn out? Exactly.

It's not just the lack of suspense, though. As a lifelong fan of the "Star Wars" franchise, I've been plenty excited for the release of "The Force Awakens" and the episodes to follow, but there's something to be said for not oversaturating the market. "At any one time, three or four movies

will be on our radar, plus all the other media," io9's Germain Lussier recently wrote. "There's no time for perspective. No time for reflection. It's just pedal to the metal, from now until forever."

Even for a "Star Wars" fan, that's a bit much. Sure, Disney stablemate Marvel has been doing great business putting out two movies a year, but those are based on a more diverse comic book universe. And a steady, predictable march of "Star Wars" content threatens to make the main films feel less like big events, which would be a shame.

As for Han Solo, who is getting his own prequel "Anthology" film in 2018, why can't we leave the poor smuggler alone? Not only does it feel weird for anyone other than Harrison Ford to play him, but there's a certain magic that surrounds the character when his backstory is a mystery, and watching him befriend a Wookiee and win the Millennium Falcon from Lando threatens to ruin that. With some pop culture icons, less is more.



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## VIGGO MORTENSEN GOES ARTY WITH 'JAUJA'



Viggo Mortensen gets lost in the Argentine art drama "Jauja."

CINEMA GUILD

### Art Film

#### 'Jauja'

With "The Lord of the Rings," Viggo Mortensen went from respected character actor to god. It's a position he's used wisely. Rather than simply becoming a megastar in anonymous blockbusters, he likes to lend his name (and considerable acting prowess) to projects that interest him, not the world's fanboys.

"Jauja," an Argentine mega-art film released earlier this year, is not for everyone, but for the adventurous moviegoer it's catnip. Mortensen plays a Danish captain in the 1880s who gets seriously lost in the Argentine wild while searching for his daughter, who has run off with a rugged lieutenant. There's little hope he'll ever find her — or ever find his way back to civilization.

Then things turn even weirder, especially as the final stretch looms.

Director Lisandro Alonso ("Liverpool," "Los Muertos") is firmly of the master shot/long-take school. He transforms landscapes into near-psychedelic realms of the mind. Mortensen's performance is largely physical, though his face betrays panic as he wanders too far afield, worrying that he may become just another schnook swallowed by the earth, forgotten by time. It takes repeat viewings to unlock some of "Jauja"'s more cryptic mysteries, but even as a straight-up neo-Western, concerning a man succumbing to the elements, it's solid entertainment.



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## One more thing

**There's a smoothness to the cinematography in "The Mend" that you don't normally see in indie films.**

This is something I'm really frustrated by these days with filmmaking: Handheld [camera] is really f—ing lazy. It really is. And it's often not necessarily hard to watch, but it's just that we're getting used to this lazy quality of filmmaking in that way. Maybe it's not lazy, it's just that people don't have the time. You just can't get it otherwise. But this was precise preparation. "This

is this shot with this camera move," and I feel it through the whole movie. It makes a big difference.

# Epic bender

Lucas is on the prowl in "The Mend." / CINELICIOUS

**Film.** For "The Mend," Josh Lucas taps into a character he'd much rather avoid in real life.

In "The Mend," Josh Lucas is a mess, playing a rampant hedonist who moves into his estranged brother's apartment and promptly destroys pretty much everything around him. And in the true spirit of independent filmmaking, "The Mend" was even shot in writer-director John Magary's own apartment in Harlem — which led to some awkward moments on set.

**Why do you think this character is as damaged and dangerous as he is?** What I would say is this is a guy who is justifying having given up. He's justifying, basically, his sort of anarchist idea about everything. It's a guy who has lost, and he's saying, "I lost because I don't give a f—,"

but the reality is they went hand-in-hand. He started to lose because he didn't give a f—. It's a kind of character and a kind of personality that, to be honest with you, more and more in my life I'm trying to stay away from thinking those thoughts. [Laughs] Because they lead to where he goes, which is basically homelessness.

**That sense of unhingedness, while terrifying in real life, is great in a movie.**

It's a guy you don't want to have dinner with, but it's a guy you want to watch someone else have dinner with. [Laughs] It's not like an animal, but you know it's going to go wrong. It's just when it's going to go wrong is the question.

**Where did his guttural, throaty noises come from?**

My sense is he's sort of rotting from within. And look, I've known times in my life when I've drank too much, smoked too much, and this is a guy who's always in a

space where his insides are just ... you don't feel good. I think in a sense he's constantly hungover. It's not just that he is, even, but that feeling is there even when he's not.

**What was it like shooting in the director's own home?**

There was actually one day I felt really bad because I got to set a little early — like five o'clock in the morning. And he and his poor girlfriend-slash-producing partner were literally still in bed in their bedroom, which was also my bedroom. They kind of came out like, "F—, man." The exhaustion, it was humorous.



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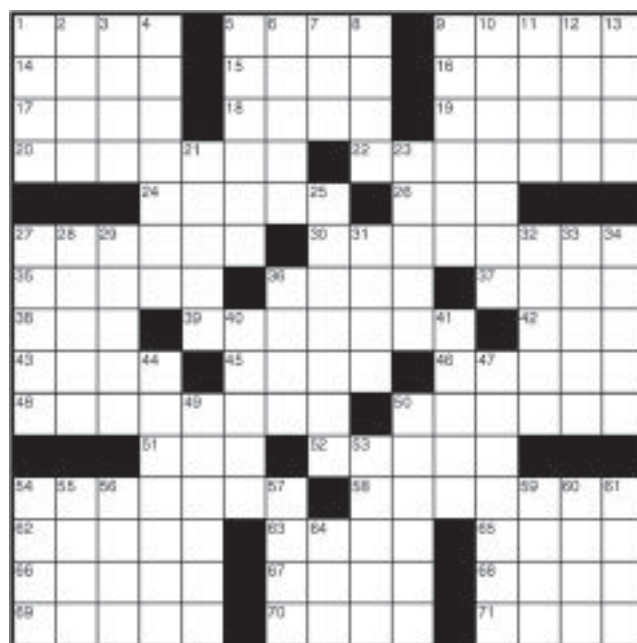
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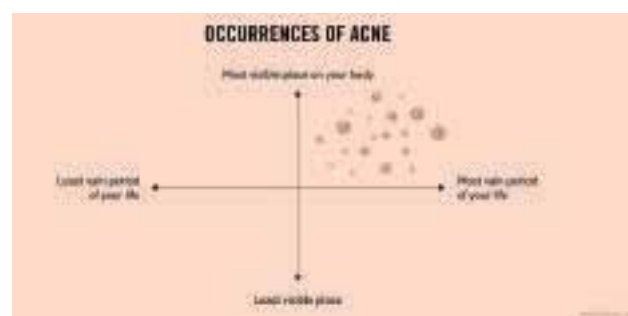
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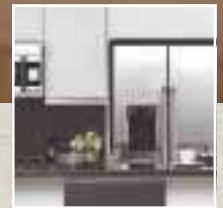
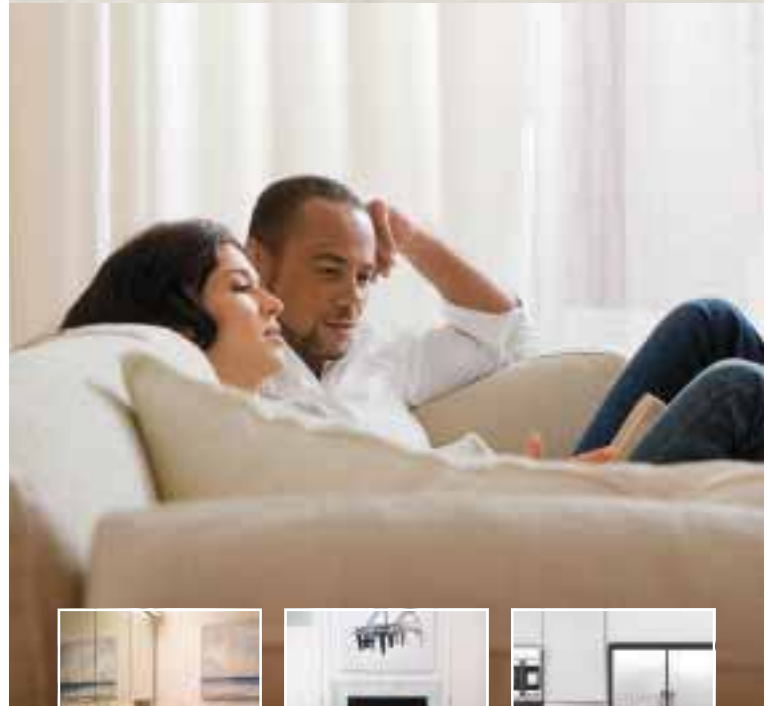


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Residential developers increasingly add art to buildings to boost cachet — and prices.

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Opening night at Fortis Property Group's new condo project, 212 N. Ninth St. in Williamsburg, got a boost from an unlikely source: a piece of abstract art.

The building, which features a rooftop mural by contemporary artist David Paul Kay, done in his vibrant black-and-white style, was a big crowd-pleaser.

And the mural was not just on exhibit, it's painted on the roof — the most notable amenity in a building that also sports an art library, indoor parking and private outdoor space for almost every unit.

Brokers have long used loaned art to stage

new development apartments, but these days developers are increasingly incorporating art into the public spaces of residential projects, much like commercial developers have done for decades.

The move to "art up" is being driven by several factors, from raising a building's cultural cachet to helping push up prices.

"A fabulously designed lobby by some well-known interior designer or artist is going to demand a higher rent," said Adam Courtney, an associate director at commercial brokerage Lee & Associates.

But it's not just lobbies and rooftops getting new art installations.

At the Herzog & de Meuron-designed 56 Leonard St. in Tribeca, developers Alexico Group and Hines commissioned an outdoor piece by renowned artist Anish Kapoor similar to his famous "Cloud Gate," a bean-shaped sculpture in Chicago's Millennium Park.

The sculpture, Kapoor's only one in New York, will be wedged under an outcropping on

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Here's a look at the rooftop mural by David Paul Kay at 212 N. Ninth St. in Williamsburg. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

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# What could Airbnb's CFO get for his SoHo pad ... on Airbnb?

Top exec at home-sharing giant recently listed 350 West Broadway penthouse for \$26.5M

The news that Airbnb CFO Laurence Tosi is asking \$26.5 million for his SoHo penthouse got us thinking — what would Tosi's four-bedroom, 5,900-square-foot duplex go for on the popular home-sharing service?

Before we get started on this little exercise, let's remember that if Tosi were to rent out the penthouse for 30 days or less, he would have to stay in the unit to



Here's a look inside the Airbnb CFO's SoHo digs. STRIBLING.COM

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How's the pad? In a word, swanky. Tosi, formerly the CFO of the private equity giant Blackstone Group, bought the penthouse at 350 West Broadway for \$17.6 million in 2012 after the unit had languished on the market for three years.

He quickly went to work jazzing up the 1,400-square-foot rooftop terrace with a plunge pool and some landscaping. Now he's ready to cash in, for a \$9 million markup, as reported last week.

But could he make more by renting it through his very own company? It shouldn't come as a surprise that apartments like Tosi's aren't easily found on

Airbnb. As of Aug. 10, there were only three Manhattan apartments listed on the company's website that match the 350 West Broadway penthouse's four bedrooms and five bathrooms.

## Downtown comps

None of the uptown properties really fit the profile of Tosi's penthouse — a top-floor duplex with 360-degree views in the heart of SoHo — but a quick trip downtown finds more comparable properties and even higher prices.

There's a 5,000-square-foot penthouse on Mercer Street in SoHo — featuring three bedrooms, three bathrooms and a private roof deck measuring 1,500 square feet — seeking up to \$4,750 per night, depending on the season and the number of guests.

Further west, a four-bed, four-bath Tribeca loft is asking \$2,295

## Uptown comps

The priciest in the same area is a six-bedroom, 5.5-bath Upper East Side townhouse three blocks from Central Park, between Park and Lexington avenues. Asking price? Prepare to spend \$2,520 a night.

Further uptown, another Upper East Side townhouse — listed as a 5,000-square-foot property with four bedrooms and six bathrooms — is seeking \$1,500 a night, as well as offering a monthly rate of \$30,000.

And even farther north, in Harlem's Mount Morris Park section, is a five-bedroom, 5.5-bath "getaway" mansion available for \$1,000 a night or \$5,000 a week.

per night, though the apartment measures a mere 2,800 square feet. And if the East Village is more your scene, a four-bed, three-bath,

five-story townhouse on East 10th Street is going for \$3,000 a night or \$14,000 a week.

Perhaps the most comparable unit to Tosi's penthouse on Airbnb is one of the most expensive listings — a "breathhtaking" two-story penthouse on Broome Street in SoHo, with three bedrooms, three baths and a 700-square-foot walkout terrace.

But even that Broome Street penthouse can't compare to 350 West Broadway's — the duplex is only 2,100 square feet, almost three times smaller than Tosi's apartment.

And when considering that the penthouse's \$5,000 nightly rate sums up to a little over \$1.8 million a year — assuming there's no discounted monthly rate involved — Tosi's decision to forego his company's platform and put his apartment up for sale seems all the wiser.

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# Nassib is more than capable as a backup

**NFL.** In the event of an Eli Manning injury this season, Ryan Nassib should have the Giants covered.

Eli Manning has been so durable during his 12-year career that the Giants have rarely backed him up with a significant understudy.

But for Ryan Nassib, he's trying his best to let Big Blue know they not only have a steady and reliable backup, but an actual successor — whenever that may be.

Nassib is entering his third season as a Giant, and with that comes a sense of understanding the game better, having the on-field process slow down, more confidence — from within and from anyone associated with Big Blue.

"Ryan is a playmaker, man. He's going to find you and he's going to let it go," said tight end Larry Donnell. "He's a great guy and a great player. He's a gun slinger, and he's been letting it go."

Nassib has played bet-



Ryan Nassib says he has learned a lot from simply watching Eli Manning from the sidelines. / GETTY IMAGES

ter as the summer has passed and been confident in letting the ball fly all over the field. Teammates have noticed. And so has the man that matters most, Tom Coughlin. The grizzled head coach launched some praise towards Nassib following his performance on Saturday night against the

## Quoted

**"I'm like a sponge around him, simply because he's been around so long and has seen and done just about everything."**

Ryan Nassib, on learning from Eli Manning

Jacksonville Jaguars.

"He's done well," the coach said. "This has been good for his development. ... Continue to move the ball, control the offense, its tempo, and continue to put points on the board. This is where he takes the next step [by] continuing to perform well in not

only games, but in practices."

The practices have been important, but nothing means more to player development as the games, because of the amount of plays he's been getting. Last season's preseason success — when he and wideout Corey Washington tore up the competition — was almost a novelty. But this summer has taken on a more serious tone, as Nassib seems locked in and appearing more like a team leader, even though Manning figures to be here for years to come — especially when he finally signs a contract extension.

Nassib isn't worried about that prospect. He's only concerned with his own ascension.

"This has been pretty important," Nassib said about his summer. "It's been an important evaluation tool for the coaching staff. ... Still going to make some mistakes, and some things aren't going to go your way, but you have to learn from them and keep at it."

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## SPORTS

Bad bet

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New Jersey's latest bid to legalize sports betting in the state was denied by a U.S. federal appeals court Tuesday. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia denied New Jersey's appeal by a 2-1 majority decision, referencing that legalizing sports betting would violate the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992. According to ESPN, only Nevada, Delaware, Oregon and Montana allow forms of sports betting. Nevada is the only state that offers single-game betting.

## MLB Power Rankings | by Ryan Hannable

No. 1



**Cardinals (79-45)**

Michael Wacha's 15 wins are tied for the most in baseball, but the Pirates are closing the gap in the NL Central with their hot stretch.

No. 2

**Royals (76-48)**



Kansas City has won three straight and eight of its last 10. Besides its bullpen being the best in baseball, Eric Hosmer has a .316 average.

No. 3

**Pirates (75-48)**



Pittsburgh is the hottest team in the National League, as it has won three straight and eight of its last 10 to get back into the NL Central race.

No. 4

**Cubs (72-51)**



Just because the Cubs are behind the Pirates and Cardinals in the division, it doesn't mean they'll miss the playoffs. The wild card is close to a lock.

No. 5

**Yankees (69-55)**



The Yankees are in a dead heat with the Blue Jays in the AL East. New York needs some strong pitching to match its offensive production right now.

No. 6

**Blue Jays (69-55)**



Toronto is making moves as its recent hot stretch has it tied with the Yanks. Josh Donaldson has 100 RBIs, which leads all of baseball.

No. 7

**Astros (69-57)**



Houston has won six of its last 10 to open up a 3.5-game lead in the division. The Astros' plus-80 run differential is third best in the AL.

No. 8

**Mets (68-56)**



While everyone knows about their pitching staff, the Mets' offense has been on fire of late. The Mets belted eight homers Monday night.

No. 9

**Dodgers (67-56)**



L.A. has dropped five straight and now has just a 1.5-game lead over the Giants. Still, Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw have the best ERAs in MLB.



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**NFL.** A glance at the best over/under bets in the NFL this season.

The NFL season begins in just over two weeks. We continue to look at the best value out there when it comes to over/under win totals for 2015:

### Over/under

Where should you place your money:

- Metro likes the Bills (8.5 wins), Lions (8), Redskins (6.5), Jaguars (5.5) and Buccaneers (6) to go over.
- Metro likes the under on the Ravens (9) and Broncos (10).

in the NFL is not one of them. Marshall has never appeared in a playoff game and 2015 probably won't be his lucky season. The man who will likely throw the balls Marshall's way in 2015 has also been a part of many failed NFL seasons. Ryan Fitzpatrick is 34-56-1 in his career.

### Colts (11 – under)

The Colts have gone 11-5 in each of the past three seasons. But too much can go wrong throughout the course of an NFL season. Eleven wins is far too high of an over/under for a team which lost 45-7 and was exposed in its last game.



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### Dolphins (8.5 – over)

It's now or never for head coach Joe Philbin. The Dolphins are coming off of back-back 8-8 seasons, so now is the time to "go for it." They more or less made that statement public in March when they signed Ndamukong Suh to a six-year, \$114 million contract. On offense, Ryan Tannehill will have new toys to play

with in the form of rookie receiver DeVante Parker and veteran wideout Greg Jennings. This team will either crash and burn with a 3-13 record or get into the playoffs, and the odds side with the latter.

### Jets (7.5 – under)

Brandon Marshall is a lot of things. A "winner"



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